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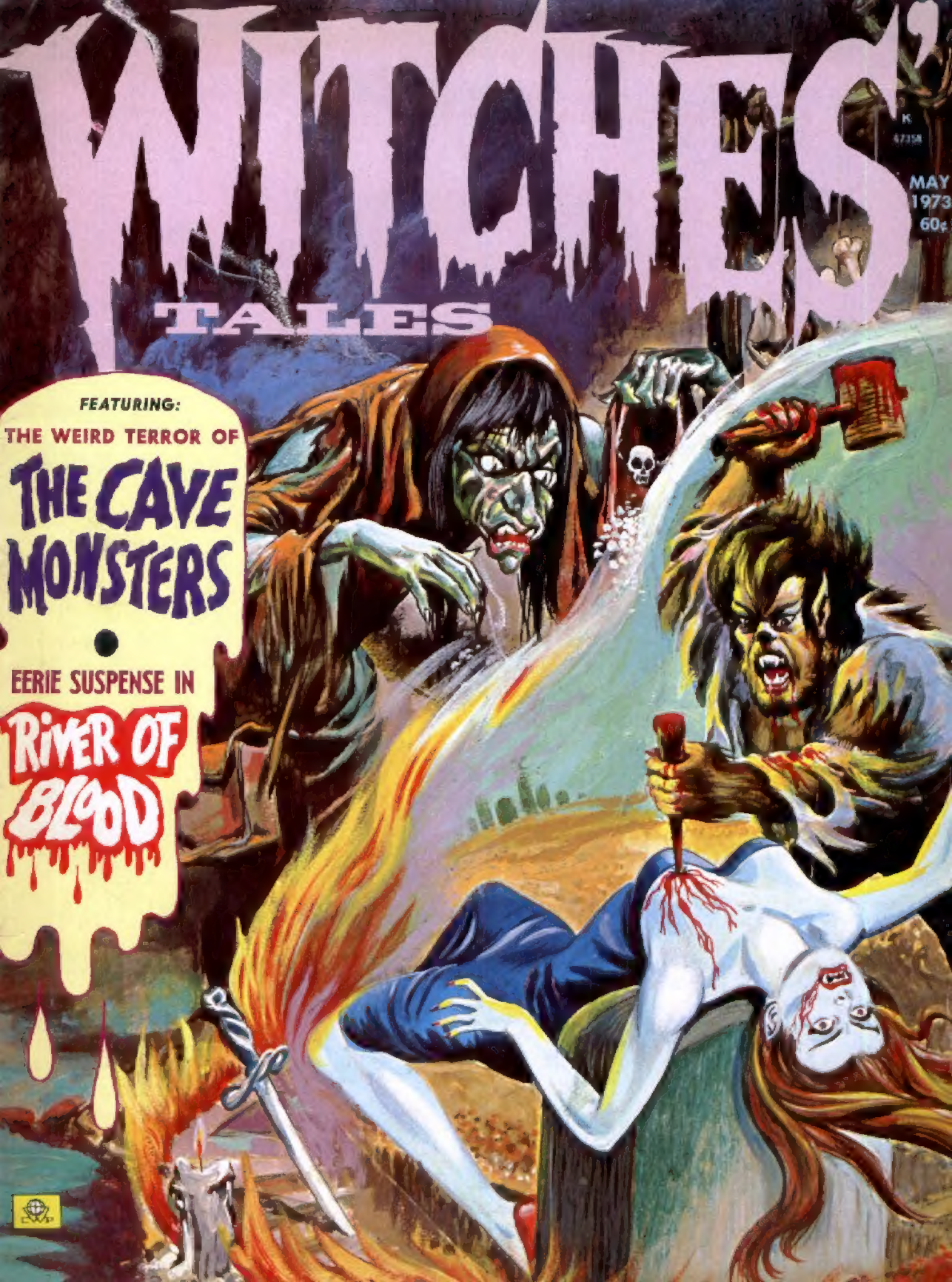

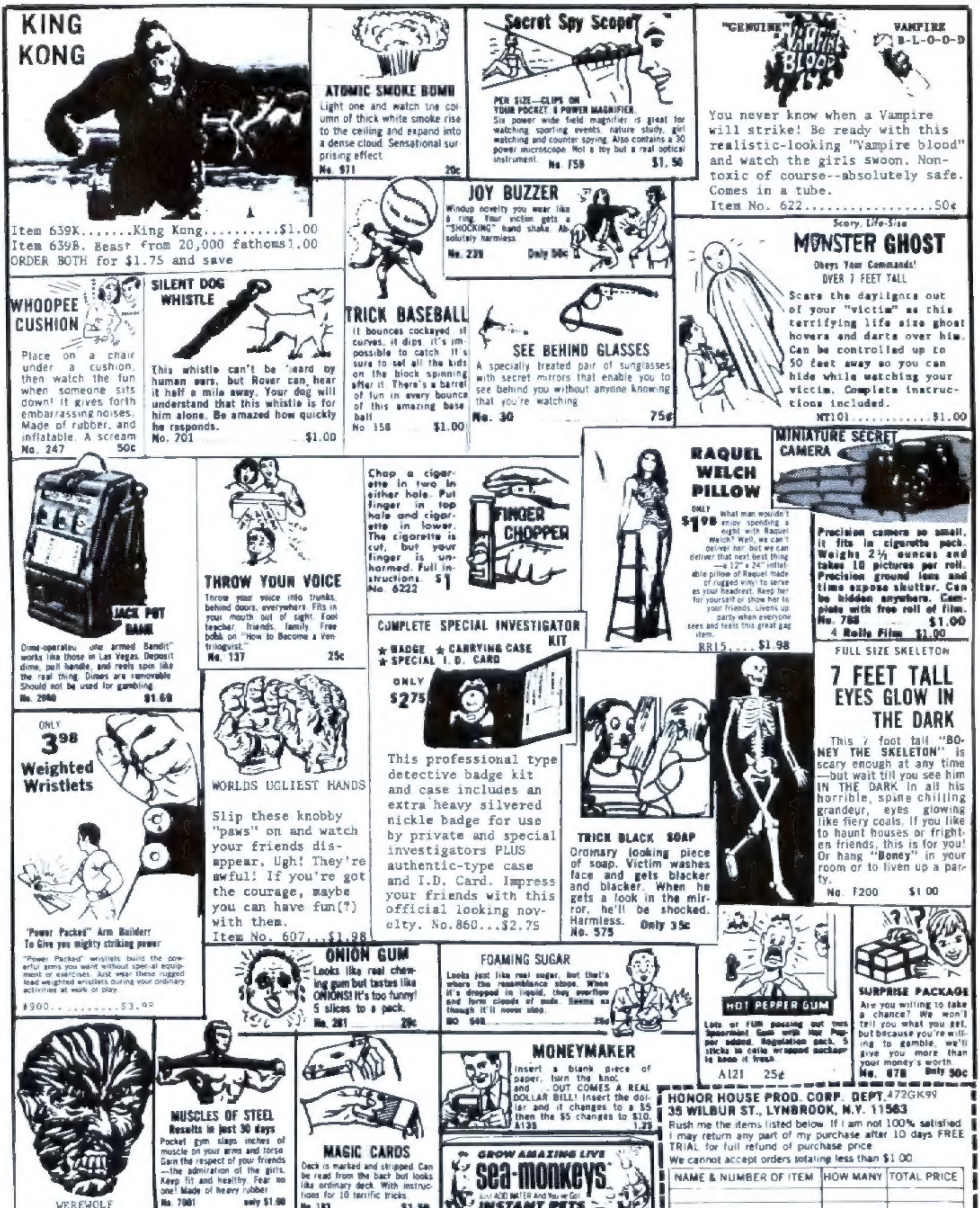
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THE CAVE MONSTERS

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THEY TELL THE TALE STILL ON SCOTTISH MOORS NEAR THE TOWN OF CRAGHEAD! THE TALE OF RORY MACDONNEL... AND THAT NIGHT AT THE LION HEAD PUB...

LITTLE PEOPLE? LITTLE PEOPLE, IS IT, YOU FOOLS... QUAKING AT AN OLD WIVES' TALE! THERE ARE NO LITTLE PEOPLE!

RORY-- HUSH! YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK!

HAVE I, NOW? THIS IS RORY MACDONNEL, AND I FEAR NO MAN, BIG OR SMALL!
WE KNOW, BUT MY FATHER FEARED CRAGHEAD CAVE AS HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM! WHO KNOWS WHAT LIVES INSIDE IT!
BAH! THERE ARE NO LITTLE PEOPLE! AND, IF THERE WERE, I'D STILL HAVE NO FEAR OF THEM!
A BRAGGART WAS RORY MACDONNEL!
YOU'RE A MAN OF RARE COURAGE, RORY... BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WORDS SHOULD SURELY BE BACKED BY DEEDS!
DOES IT? WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
A STRANGER WHO HAS HEARD OF CRAGHEAD CAVE! YOU'VE BEEN INSIDE THE CAVE, I TAKE IT?
NOT HIM... THE BIG WINDBAG!
WHO SAID THAT?
WHAT MATTER? WHY NOT SHOW THEM? PROVE YOUR WORTH! THE CAVE IS NOT FAR!
AND D'YOU THINK I'M PLAYIN' CHILD GAMES?
YOU MIGHT BE HIDING YOUR FEAR BEHIND YOUR LOUD BLATHER!
WORDS ARE CHEAP, MY FRIEND! WILL YOU WAGER YOUR SILVER AGAINST MINE... THAT YOU FEAR TO SPEND THIS NIGHT IN CRAGHEAD CAVE!
PAF!
THE MEN WAITED FOR RORY TO REFUSE... BUT HE COULDN'T!
DONE! TWENTY SHILLINGS IS THE WAGER!
AGREED!

THEY POURED INTO THE NIGHT, BUT AFTER, THERE WERE THOSE WITH COOLER HEADS THAN THE REST!
FORGET THIS WAGER! NO MAN HAS ENTERED THE CAVE FOR YEARS!
THAT'S BECAUSE, UNTIL TODAY, NO MAN LIKE RORY MACDONNEL HAS PASSED THIS WAY!

WELL SPOKEN, MACDONNEL! BUT, OUR WAGER WAS THAT YOU SPEND THE NIGHT... INSIDE!
AND SPEND IT I WILL! I'LL BRING YOU OLD WOMEN A LITTLE MAN... FOR A PET!

GRAGHEAD CAVE WAS DOUR AND FORBIDDING!
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT A BOTTLE! CURSED PLACE...COLD ENOUGH TO FREEZE THE MARROW IN A MAN'S BONES!

COLD? T'WAS NOT COLD, BUT FEAR THAT CHILLED RORY! THEN SUDDENLY...
THE LITTLE PEOPLE! THE TALES ARE TRUE! THEY EXIST!

WOULD YOU RUN, THEN, MAN? WE WISH YOU NO HARM! MY WORD ON IT! COME... DRINK WITH US!

THEY WERE HORRIBLE! BUT, THEY SMILED! THEY WERE FRIENDLY, AND WHAT WAS IN THOSE FLASKS WAS A MAGNET TO RORY MACDONNEL!
'TIS MANY A YEAR SINCE ANY HUMAN DARED VISIT US! DRINK!

GO! THAT MAKES THINGS BETTER, EH? DRINK... WHY NOT, RORY! YOU ARE AMONG FRIENDS!

FRIENDS?
I HAVE TOLD YOU, NOT A FINGER SHALL TOUCH YOU! COME, JOIN THE DANCE!

THERE WAS NO MAGIC! THIS WAS NO EVIL! THESE LITTLE MEN... THEY KNEW THEIR BETTERS! SO REASONED RORY MACDONNEL!
IT'S A GOOD LIFE WE LEAD, IS IT NOT, RORY MACDONNEL? IT SUITS YOU WELL!
VERY WELL! BUT SOON DAWN COMES AND I MUST LEAVE!

BUT, THERE WILL BE OTHER NIGHTS! WILL YOU BE ONE OF US, THEN?
THAT I WILL! HERE IS MY HAND ON IT!

IT SEEMED TO RORY THAT THE FIRE LIGHT DIED... THAT THE UGLY FACES AROUND HIM TWISTED AND SNARLED...

H-HAS THE WINE CLOUDED MY EYES? YOU SEEM TALLER!
MAC DONNEL, WE HAVE NOT CHANGED! YOU HAVE!

EVEN THE COURAGE OF A BRAGGART DESERVES A REWARD...

...YOU ARE TRULY ONE OF US NOW!

GONE WAS HIS HANDSOME BODY! RORY SCREAMED... AND RAN!
THE LITTLE PEOPLE DO EXIST, EH, MACDONNEL?

THE WAY WAS DARK... THE ROCKS SHARP! MACDONNEL STUMBLED AND BLED! WHEN HE REACHED THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE THOSE WHO WAITED SAW THAT THIS WAS NO DREAM!

RORY! WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAPPENED IN THERE?
RORY, DON'T YOU KNOW US

RORY CHARGED -- KNOWING THAT HE MUST GET AWAY-- THAT HE MUST HIDE HIMSELF! AND, HOW COULD HE KNOW THAT THE GLASS HAD LIED!
THAT BLOOD! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...
LOOK OUT! THE MAN'S GONE DAFT!

IT WAS A RAVING MANIAC WHO CURSED ALOUD ABOUT WHAT THE LITTLEPEOPLE HAD DONE TO HIM...
H-HE'S LOST HIS MIND! HE THINKS HE'S FOUND THE LITTLE PEOPLE AND BECAME ONE OF THEM!
PERHAPS HE DID! WHO KNOWS?

HE SHOULD HAVE NEVER CHALLENGED THE LITTLE PEOPLE! I'VE HEARD IT SAID THAT THEY NEVER REFUSE A CHALLENGE!

HE'S INSANE! HE'LL NEVER BE TELLING THE TRUTH OF WHAT HE SAW, NOW, WILL HE?
THE STRANGER WALKED AWAY AND SEEMED TO CHANGE! SO... THE TALE IS TOLD! AND... CRAGHEAD CAVE BROODS UNDISTURBED TO THIS DAY...
THE END

THEY STORMED INTO HER RAMSHACKLE HOUSE AND DRAGGED HER TOWARDS THE HANGING PLATFORM TO BE KILLED! BUT SHE CURSED THEM, PROMISING TO RETURN...
THE DEMON IS A HAG!
IT WAS NEW ENGLAND OF 1652! THE TOWNSPEOPLE WATCHED, AS ANTHONY RAVEN, THE GIANT EXECUTIONER TIGHTENED THE ROPE AROUND THE OLD HAG...
REMEMBER, ANTHONY RAVEN-- YOU'LL NOT ESCAPE ME!
SILENCE, WOMAN! THESE ARE YOUR LAST SECONDS!

THEY PLACED HER IN A WOODEN COFFIN AND NAILED IT SHUT! THEN THEY THREW IT INTO A FOUL-SMELLING CLEFT IN THE EARTH! SOMEHOW--A CHEMICAL REACTION TOOK PLACE--A STRANGE, EERIE TRANSFORMATION...

AND THREE HUNDRED YEARS LATER, A MIGHTY STORM WITH THUNDEROUS CRASHES OF LIGHTING, BROKE OPEN THE TOMB OF THE CREATURE FROM BEYOND...

SIDNEY RAVEN, PHD. WAS A BRILLIANT CHEMIST! HE WAS A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE RAVEN CLAN, A PATRIACH OF THE BLOOD LINE...
I BROUGHT A SANDWICH FOR YOU, DEAR!
PLACE IT ON THE TABLE, DARLING! I'VE GOT TO FINISH THIS EXPERIMENT!

IT WILL BE YOUR LAST EXPERIMENT YOU EVER CONDUCT, SIDNEY RAVEN! HEH, HEH, HEH!
W-WHAT-- WHO'S THAT?

COULD IT BE THAT YOUR ANCESTORS DID NOT LEAVE A WARNING?
SIDNEY! WHAT IS THAT? EEEE...
GET BACK! D-DON'T TOUCH US!

YOUR TEARS AND YOUR CRIES WILL AVAIL YOU NAUGHT! IT IS USELESS TO RESIST ME! COME-- EMBRACE DEATH!!
BAROOMM!

THE INTERMINGLING OF VARIOUS CHEMICALS BUBBLED FORTH IN DEADLY REACTIONS THAT SPEWED OUT ITS CONTENTS IN MIGHTY, EXPLOSIVE STRENGTH!
THEY ARE MY FIRST VICTIMS-- BUT OTHERS SHALL KNOW THE WRATH OF MY CURSE...

DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS LATER THE MONSTROUS CREATURE FELL ON THE UNFORTUNATE DESCENDANTS OF ANTHONY RAVEN...
DIE! DIE!
HA! HA!

NOW, ONLY ONE WAS LEFT... THE LAST OF THE RAVEN CLAN! A SOLDIER KEEPING WATCH IN HIS FOXHOLE IN VIETNAM ...

I COULD ALMOST SWEAR THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE-- IT-- IT SEEMS LIKE A HUGE BLACK FIGURE...

LAWRENCE RAVEN... I HAVE COME FOR YOU! NOTHING WILL STOP MY REVENGE! HEH, HEH...

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT...

TH- THE BULLETS PASS RIGHT THROUGH THE CREATURE! N-NO-- STAY BACK! YAAAAAAA!

AT LAST-- MY VENGEANCE IS COMPLETE! AT LAST-- HAH, HAH... COMPLETE!!

THE FANGS AND TALONS OF THE EVIL WITCH SANK INTO THE JUGLAR VEIN AND THEN, THE YOUNG MAN SANK FORWARD FACE UP, DEAD! AND IT WAS THEN THE CHANGE BEGAN...

MY HANDS! MY SKIN IS SHRIVELING UP! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? EEEEEEE... NO! NO!

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND? MY CURSE SHOULD HAVE MADE ME MORE POWERFUL... I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND... OHHHHHH...

PPFFFFTTT

SECONDS LATER, THE LAST REMAINING BIT OF PROTOPLASM MELTING SWIFTLY INTO THE STINKING EARTH! DESTINY AND PLAYED A WEIRD JOKE! FOR WITH THE DEATH OF HER FINAL VICTIM, THE CURSE WAS NO MORE! NOR WAS THE WITCH!!

RIVER of BLOOD

TOM, WE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! THERE MUST BE SOME LOGICAL EXPLANATION BESIDES THAT OLD LEGEND!

MAYBE SO-- BUT I'M BEGINNING TO GET A MITE SCARY MYSELF!

HURRY, DOCTOR-- MY LITTLE GIRL, SHE'S DYING!

COMING AS FAST AS I CAN, MR. LEE... LOT OF FOLKS HURT!

THE PEOPLE WERE **DESPERATE** AND **FRIGHTENED**, NOT KNOWING WHEN TO EXPECT ANOTHER **CATASTROPHE!** THAT NIGHT WHILE THE PRARIE WIND MOANED SOLEMNLY FOR THE **DEAD...**

NOW, FOLKS, TOM AND I DECIDED IT MIGHT BE A **GOOD** IDEA IF WE SEND FOR A SCIENTIST TO INVESTIGATE THESE STRANGE HAPPENINGS!

I TELL YOU IT'S ALL OUR **GRANDFATHERS** FAULT FOR BRINGING THIS **CURSE** ON OUR HEADS!

YOU'RE RIGHT-- IT'S THE ONLY THING TO DO! THAT--OR GIVE THIS LAND BACK TO THE INDIANS!

AND, SOMETIME LATER IN WASHINGTON, D.C

OH, MR. COLLINS... **HEY!** BILL COLLINS! THE CHIEF WANTS TO SEE YOU, **RIGHT AWAY!**

HUH? OH, YES... BE RIGHT IN...

BILL, I'VE GOT AN INTERESTING LITTLE **ASSIGNMENT** FOR YOU! HERE'S A LETTER FROM A LITTLE TOWN OUT WEST CALLED **BLOODY CREEK**, SEEMS THEY'RE HAVING STRANGE **RUMBLINGS** UNDERGROUND, AND ODDEST OF ALL, CATTLE BEING **POISONED** BY WATER THEY CLAIM RUNS **RED!** INTERESTED?

SURE AM, CHIEF!

A FEW WEEKS LATER, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...

I THINK I'LL TAKE A **PRIVATE** LOOK BEFORE I GO INTO TOWN! I GUESS THIS MUST BE THE CREEK THEY CLAIM RUNS **RED** WITH **BLOOD!**

HMMM! THIS WATER LOOKS PERFECTLY COLORLESS TO ME... **HUH!!**

BANG

OKAY, STRANGER, WHAT ARE YOU DOING SNOOPING AROUND MY LAND... AND PUTTIN' SOMETHING IN IT? TALK FAST!
L--LOOK, MY NAME'S BILL COLLINS...FROM WASHINGTON! YOU FOLKS ASKED FOR ME TO COME OUT HERE, I'M HIM!
I'M TAKING NO CHANCES WITH YOU, STRANGER...
EASY, RUFUS, THIS IS THE ONE WE SENT FOR! HE'S GOT A LETTER WE SENT TO WASHINGTON, AND IDENTIFICATION!
WELL, NOW... PUT 'ER THERE, SON!
YOU'VE GOT TO FORGIVE THE PEOPLE AROUND HERE FOR BEING A MITE SUSPICIOUS! IF WE RIDE OUT TO RUFUS' PLACE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE WHY!
ALL RIGHT!

BY NIGHTFALL, THEY REACHED THE PASTURELANDS! A GRISLY SIGHT AWAITED BILL AS HE SAW HUNDREDS OF SKELETONS GLEAMING DULLY UNDER THE FULL GHOSTLY WHITE MOON!
THIS IS ONLY A SAMPLE OF WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING--AND BEEN GETTING WORSE ALL THE TIME!
IT'S SO DEATHLY QUIET OUT HERE!
AIN'T ALWAYS THIS QUIET...NO SIREE! LOOK-A-HERE, BILL YOU STAY AT MY RANCH TONIGHT! NO SENSE GOING BACK TO TOWN!

GRATEFULLY BILL TURNED IN EARLY THAT NIGHT AFTER THE LONG DAY! BUT ABOUT MIDNIGHT HE AWOKE SUDDENLY!
W...WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!!
RUMMM-BLEEE
FINALLY, THE TREMBLING HOUSE STOPPED SHAKING--BUT SOMETHING ELSE MADE HIS EYES SNAP OPEN IN FRIGHT! IN HORROR, HE GLUED HIS EYES TO THE SLOWLY OPENING DOOR!
WHAT WAS THAT!! WHO'S THERE??
NOOWUUU!

YOU CAME IN SO QUIETLY, RUFUS-- AND THAT HOWLING...
CAME IN QUIETLY--THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE SLEPT THRU IT! THAT AIN'T NOTHING BUT AN OLD COYOTE! BUT DID YOU HEAR THE RUMBLING?
IN THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE OF A WESTERN MORNING, BILL WAS ANXIOUS AS EVER TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE STRANGE RUMBLINGS
BILL, I TELL YOU AIN'T NO SCIENCE GOING TO PUT A STOP TO THE GOINGS ON 'ROUND HERE! IT'S THE CURSE THAT OLD SQUANEE'S ANCESTORS PUT ON US!
NOW, POP, YOU KNOW THAT'S JUST A STORY!
I AM GOING TO START MY INVESTIGATIONS TODAY... MAYBE I'LL TAKE A RIDE OVER TO THE INDIAN RESERVATION AND SEE THE CHIEF!
I HAVE COME IN PEACE SEE YOUR CHIEF SQUANEE!
COME, SQUANEE WILL SEE YOU!
WHEN BILL ENTERED THE CHIEF'S WIGWAM, IT WAS LIKE WALKING INTO A NEW STRANGE WORLD!
WHAT DO YOU WANT WHITE MAN?
GREAT CHIEF-- I HAVE COME TO HEAR FROM YOUR LIPS ABOUT THE CURSE ON THE PEOPLE OF BLOODY CREEK!
I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE WATER RUNS RED WITH BLOOD, AS YOU SAY!
SILENCE, I TELL THE TRUTH! SQUANEE SAW! LISTEN-- IT WAS LONG AGO WHEN I WAS A YOUNG BRAVE...
THE HOARSE VOICE OF THE OLD INDIAN MADE BILL COLLINS KEEP IN AWED SILENCE, AND HE UNFOLDED THE ANCIENT STORY TO HIM...
MY PEOPLE ARE GLAD TO BE AT PEACE WITH OUR WHITE BROTHERS!
I AM HAPPY THAT WE HAVE MADE THIS TREATY! THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE RED MAN AND THE WHITE MAN CANNOT LIVE IN PEACE!

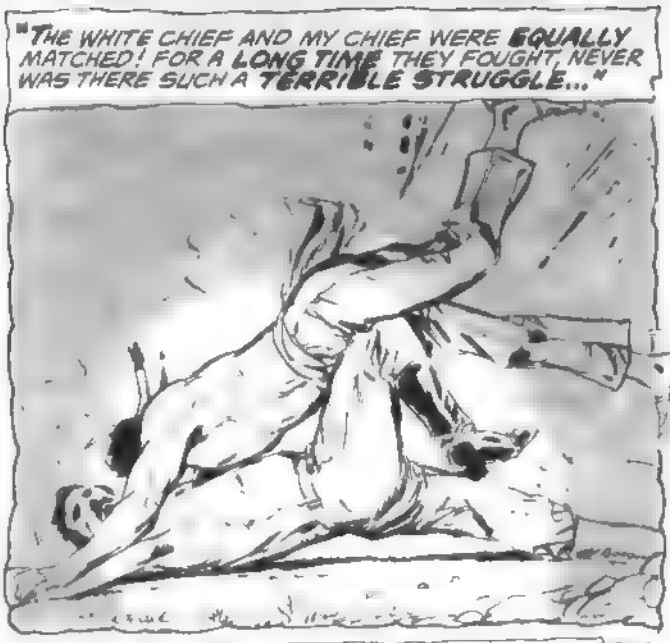
OH, FRANK-- I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER KNOWING THE INDIANS ARE OUR FRIENDS!
SURE, MARTHA! LOOK AT THE CHIEF'S SON PLAYING WITH OUR BOYS! I GUESS BOYS ARE BOYS NO MATTER WHAT COLOR THEY ARE!

BUT, ONE BLACK DAY...
BUT, CHIEF, I TELL YOU IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! HE ATE SOME POISON AND HE THOUGHT IT WAS CANDY!
THE WHITE MAN SPEAKS WITH THE FORKED TONGUE OF THE SNAKE! GO! LEAVE MY DEAD SON HERE!

HEY, FRANK! LOOK!
THAT'S COMING FROM THE VICINITY OF MY PLACE!

FRANK, THIS IS HORRIBLE! IT'S THOSE BLASTED INDIANS--THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE YOU!
THEY'LL PAY-- I'LL MAKE THEM PAY FOR EVERY DROP OF BLOOD! EVERY DROP!!

"THE TWO CHIEFS MET IN THE VALLEY THAT IS NOW THE BED OF BLOODY CREEK, THERE TO DO BATTLE TO THE DEATH..."
GO GET 'EM FRANK!
SO IT'S JUST YOU AND ME!
YES-- ONE MUST DIE!



"AND AS IF THE EARTH ITSELF WAS TIRED OF THE BLOOD-SHED, SWALLOWED THEM UP! WHAT WAS ONCE THE BATTLE-GROUND IS NOW THE BED OF BLOODY CREEK, THE NOISES AND THE RED WATER SHOW THAT, THE GHOSTS OF THE OLD ENEMIES STILL BATTLE DEEP IN THE EARTH...

THE TALE OF SQUANEE HAD WEAVED AN HYPNOTIC SPELL AND IN BILL COLLINS' MIND HE SEEM TO SEE THE BATTLE OF THE PAST...
LOOK AT THAT! THE WATER IS RUNNING RED! I HAVE TO GET SOME OF THAT!
IT ALMOST SEEMS AS IF...!! BUT NO, IT CAN'T BE! I'VE LET THAT OLD INDIAN BULL-DOZE ME! NOW MY MIND IS PLAYING TRICKS ON ME!
WELL, BILL-- HAVE YOU FOUND OUT ANYTHING YET?
I...I'M TAKING THESE SPECIMENS BACK TO WASHINGTON WITH ME TO TEST!
WELL LET US KNOW AS SOON AS YOU CAN WILL YOU, BILL!
R DEALRES

ALL THE WAY HOME BILL TRIED TO FIGHT DOWN THE THOUGHT THAT HE HAD ACTUALLY SEEN SOME-THING IN THE WATERFALL! HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE TEST WOULD TELL ALL...
WELL, BILL, MY BOY, DID YOU GET THAT MYSTERY CLEARED UP... HEY WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE... I'VE MADE THE TEST THREE TIMES... IT CAN'T BE... NO MINERAL IN IT...
WHAT ARE YOU MUMBLING ABOUT? SAY-- I THOUGHT YOU WERE RUNNING SOME TESTS ON THOSE SPECIMENS YOU BROUGHT BACK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TESTING BLOOD!!!
YOU SEE IT TOO! THEN IT IS TRUE!

THE PEOPLE OF BLOODY CREEK NEVER HEARD FROM BILL AND SLOWLY THEY DRIFTED AWAY UNTIL THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT ALIVE IN THE TOWN! ONLY THE LONESOME SOUNDS OF WIND, AND THE COYOTE ARE HEARD, FOR NOTHING CAN LIVE ALONG THE BANKS OF BLOODY CREEK!
The End

THE BELIEF IN THE EVIL EYE IS AN OLD ONE, AND ONE WHICH IS PREVALENT TODAY AS IT WAS IN THE PAST! A PERSON GRANTED WITH THIS SUPERNATURAL POWER HAS ONLY TO LOOK AT ANY CREATURE -- AND IT WILL DO WHAT HE BIDS!

EVIL ODDITIES

EVEN ANIMALS ARE SAID TO HAVE THE EVIL EYE! IT IS A STRANGE BELIEF THAT BLACK CATS HAVE THIS GREAT OCCULT POWER AND GAIN CONTROL OVER HUMANS THROUGH ITS TERRIBLE STRENGTH!

DEATH DOES NOT STOP THE EVIL EYE AS LONG AS ITS RAY IS CAST, EVEN FROM THE SKULL OF A SKELETON, IT WILL BRING DOOM TO THOSE CAUGHT IN ITS GLOW!

THE CONJURER
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO DOUBTED MY POWERS! NOW DIE FOR YOUR INSOLENCE!
I-IT'S UNBELIEVABLE... GHOSTS THAT KILL!
Z-ZAKOR...SEND HIM BACK...I BELIEVE YOU NOW..GASP GASP ...CAN'T BREATHE...
A MADMAN REACHED OUT INTO THE UNKNOWN AND SUMMONED THE EVIL SPIRITS WHO LURKED THERE! ZAKOR, THE MADMAN, PUT THESE FORCES FROM BEYOND INTO MOTION, IN AN AWESOME DISPLAY OF POWER. ... AFTER ALL, HOW CAN A DEMON BE TRIED FOR MURDER?

IN A SWIRLING FOG ON THE WATERFRONT A SHORT, STOCKY MAN PACES BACK AND FORTH IMPATIENTLY!
I'M SORRY TO BE LATE, MY FRIEND! AN IMPORTANT SEANCE DELAYED ME!
HUMPH! YA KEPT ME WAITING IN THIS PEA SOUP!
AH, LOUIE... I FEAR YOUR MIND CANNOT GRASP THE IMPORTANCE OF MY ENDEAVORS!
ABOUT TONIGHT... THE BOSS WILL GIVE YA THIRTY MINUTES! BE THERE AT ELEVEN!
AN AUDIENCE WITH "BIG JIM" KELLER AT LAST! LOOK DEEP INTO MY EYES, LOUIE! CAN'T YOU NOT SEE MY ANXIETY?
H-HUH...?
THAT'S IT... READ MY THOUGHTS, LOUIE! I CAN HELP YOU... YOU ARE MY FRIEND! CONCENTRATE!
THE GANGSTER STANDS TRANSFIXED BY THE MEDIUM'S SPELL! THEN...
HEY... DON'T PULL NONE OF THAT HOCUS POCUS ON ME, ZAKOR!
OF COURSE NOT, LOUIE! HEH HEH!
THAT EVENING, ZAKOR, MASTER MEDIUM, CALLS UPON UNDERWORLD CZAR "BIG JIM" KELLER!
OH... IT'S YOU! I STILL THINK THE BOSS IS MAKIN' A BIG MISTAKE! YOU'RE AS PHONY AS CROOKED DICE!
ASIDE, PEON! SHOW ME TO YOUR... ER... MASTER!
GREETINGS, MR. KELLER! I COME BEARING YOU THE FRUITS OF OPPORTUNITY!
CUT THE THEATRICS AND GET DOWN TO BUSINESS, ZAKOR! MY TIME IS VALUABLE!

VERY WELL! I HAVE AN INGENIOUS PLAN... ONE WHICH WILL BENEFIT YOUR BUSINESS! I CAN GUARANTEE THE PERFECT MURDER!
START TALKING SENSE, ZAKOR!
THE HIRING OF GUNMEN TO ANNIHILATE YOUR ENEMIES IS OBSELETE, KELLER! WHY NOT EMPLOY GHOSTS TO DO THE JOB?
LISTEN, ZAKOR... I GOT NO TIME FOR RIBS!
THIS IS NO JEST, KELLER! I AM IN COMMAND OF THE SPIRITUAL WORLD! AND I ALONE HAVE THE POWER TO CONTROL IT! IF IT'S PROOF YOU WANT I CAN FURNISH IT...
HOLD IT LOUIE, LET HIM TALK!
YOU SAY YOU CAN PROVE THIS... ALL RIGHT... GO AHEAD!
I'LL NEED A VICTIM FOR MY GHOST... WHAT ABOUT YOU, LOUIE? YOU HAVE VOICED YOUR DISBELIEF IN MY STATEMENT!
SURE... I'D BE GLAD TO MAKE A SAP OUTA YA!
MOVING TO THE TERRACE ZAKOR FACES THE HEAVENS ABOVE! THEN WITH OUTSTRETCHED HANDS, CHANTS AS THE GANGSTERS LOOK ON!
SPIRITS... SPIRITS... I, ZAKOR, COMMAND YOU! I WISH TO BE RID OF THIS MORTAL LOUIE! COME AND TAKE HIM FROM THIS EARTH...
HUMPH! THIS CHARACTER SHOULD GET A ONE WAY TICKET TO THE NUTHOUSE!
CONTORTING HIS BODY GROTESQUELY, THE MEDIUM SUMMONS ALL HIS STRENGTH...
DEMON SPIRITS! DESTROY THIS MAN AS I COMMAND!
HAHAHAHAHA! THIS IS BETTER THAN A THREE RING CIRCUS...
BUT SUDDENLY, LAUGHTER LEAVES THE FACE OF THE MOBSTER AS...
THERE... THERE IS THE MAN WHO DOUBTS MY POWER! DESTROY HIM!
HO HO HO... I-I... WHA? T-THAT THING... WHAT IS IT?

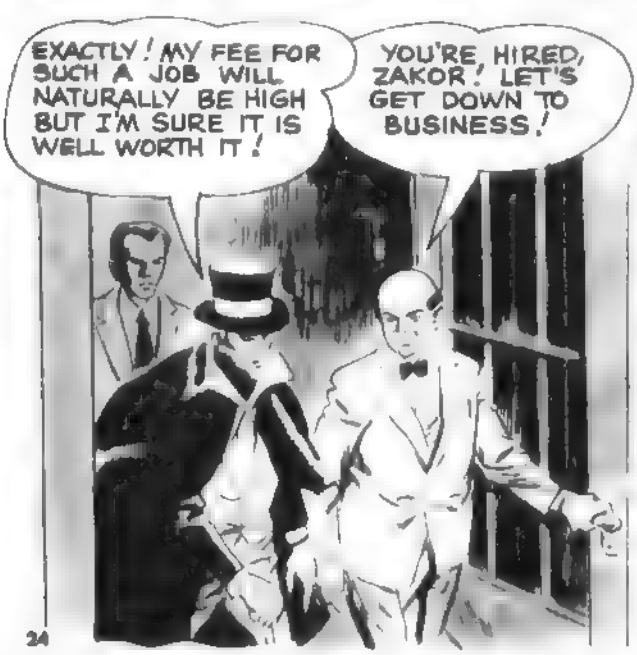
I-IT'S HORRIBLE! I... GOTTA GET AWAY FROM IT! THE THING IS COMIN' AFTER ME!
I DON'T SEE NOTHIN'! DO YOU, KELLER?
NO... SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE, RITCHIE!

Y-YIPE! IT'S...GOT ME BY THE THROAT! CALL IT OFF, ZAKOR... PLEASE!
SORRY, I HAVE NO MERCY FOR THOSE WHO DISBELIEVE! DESTROY THIS MORTAL, GHOST!

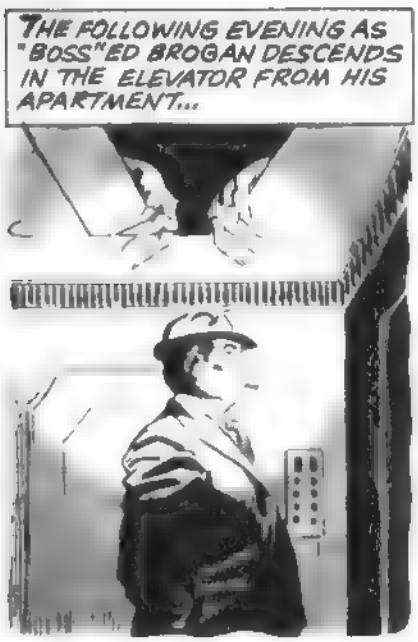
C-CAN'T BREATHE... CHOKING THE LIFE ...OUT... OF ME... GASP GASP
L-LOUIE???
AN EXCELLENT JOB, GHOST! NOW RETURN... TO YOUR WORLD OF EVIL!

HE'S...THE DEADEST MAN I EVER SEEN, BOSS!
IT'S...REMARKABLE! ZAKOR, YOU ARE ON THE LEVEL! BUT WE SAW NO GHOST... HOW COME?
THAT WAS TO IMPRESS YOU WITH MY POWERS!

IMAGINE DESTROYING YOUR ENEMIES IN SUCH FASHION! NO EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU!
WHAT A GIMMICK! I COULD BUMP OFF ED BROGAN AND ACE MAGELLAN WITH THESE GHOSTS.


EXACTLY! MY FEE FOR SUCH A JOB WILL NATURALLY BE HIGH BUT I'M SURE IT IS WELL WORTH IT!
YOU'RE HIRED, ZAKOR! LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!

THUS, KELLER PLOTS THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS MOST HATED ENEMY.
I WANT BROGAN WIPED FAST... HE'S MY MAIN THREAT! DO YOU THINK YOU COULD GET ONE OF YOUR... GHOSTS ON THE JOB RIGHT AWAY!
HE WILL BE A DEAD MAN IN TWENTY FOUR HOURS!

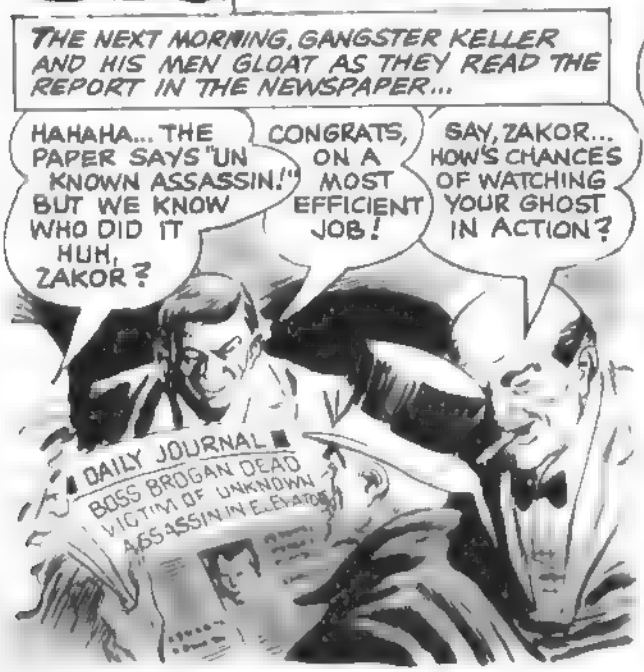

THE FOLLOWING EVENING AS "BOSS"ED BROGAN DESCENDS IN THE ELEVATOR FROM HIS APARTMENT...

SUDDENLY...
WHA... THE LIGHTS HAVE GONE OUT! G-GREAT SCOTT! WHAT'S THAT...

Y-YIPE! W-WHO ARE YOU? WHAT IS THIS...A JOKE?
AAAIIIEEEEEEEEEE!

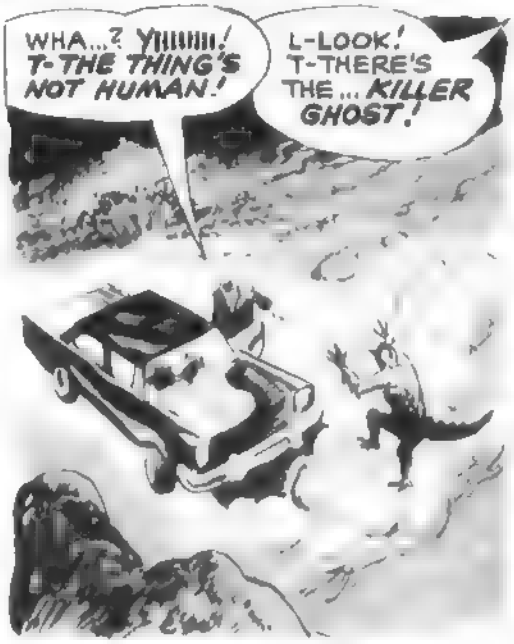
Y-YOU'RE NOT HUMAN! GET AWAY FROM ME! GET AWAY!

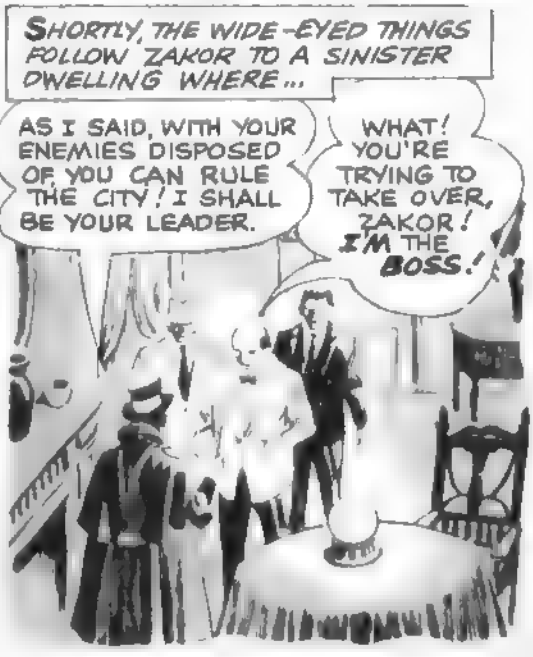
YAAAAARGH!


THE NEXT MORNING, GANGSTER KELLER AND HIS MEN GLOAT AS THEY READ THE REPORT IN THE NEWSPAPER...
HAHAHA... THE PAPER SAYS "UN KNOWN ASSASSIN!" BUT WE KNOW WHO DID IT HUH, ZAKOR?
CONGRATS, ON A MOST EFFICIENT JOB!
SAY, ZAKOR... HOW'S CHANCES OF WATCHING YOUR GHOST IN ACTION?
DAILY JOURNAL
BOSS BROGAN DEAD
VICTIM OF UNKNOWN ASSASSIN IN ELEVATOR

VERY WELL! THAT IS QUITE EASY TO ARRANGE!
SWELL!
BOY...I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE ACE GET IT!

SHORTLY, ACE MAGELLAN, HARDENED KILLER OF THE WEST SIDE, CRINGES BEFORE THE TERRIFYING SPECTRE THAT MOVES TOWARD HIM!



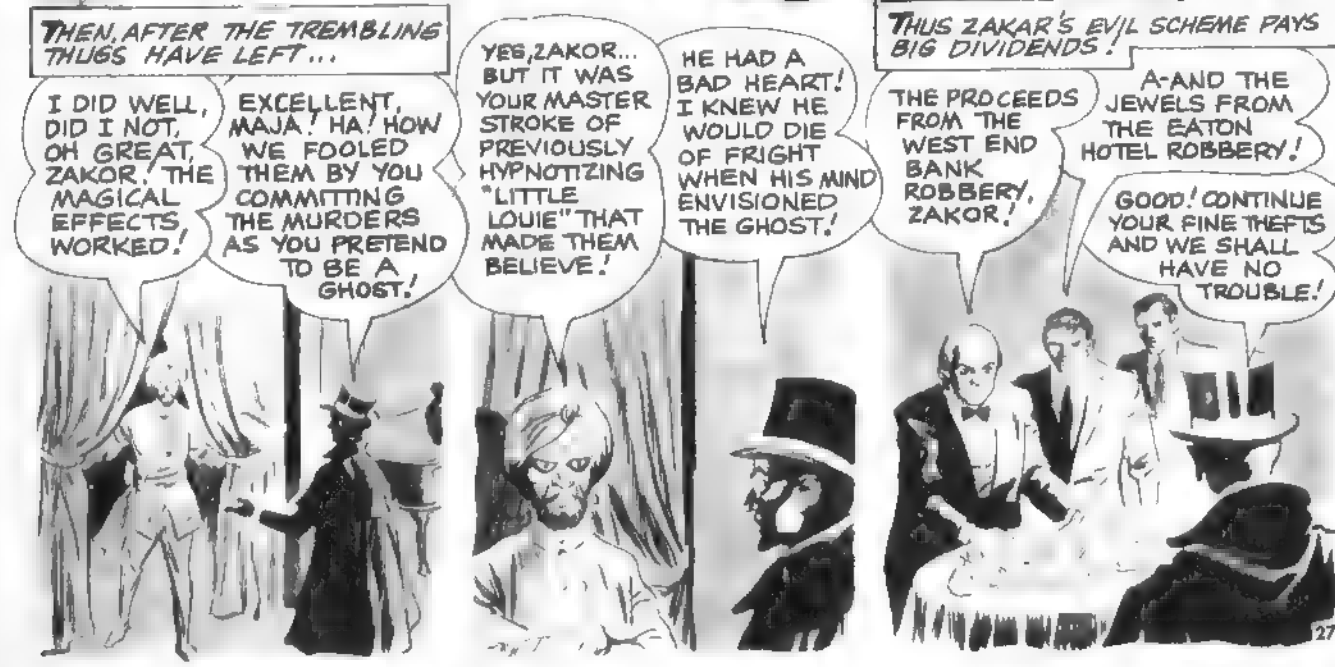


THAT'S RIGHT! YOU WUZ JUST WORKIN' FER US!" BIG JIMS" THE BOSS!
YEAH! DON'T GET SMART!
YOU FOOLS! WATCH! OH, MIGHTY DEMONS SPRING FORTH!

INSTANTLY THE LIGHTS DIM... A FEARFUL CRY RINGS OUT! STARK TERROR IS UNLEASHED UPON THREE HOODLUMS!
Y-YIPE! STOP IT, ZAKOR! DON'T LET 'EM GET US!
ULP!

G-GREAT GRIEF, ZAKOR, MERCY! WE'LL DO AS YOU SAY!
VERY WELL!... CEASE DEMONS FROM THE BEYOND!

RETURN TO YOUR HOMES! ON THE MORROW YOU WILL WORK AS MY UNDER-LINGS!
Y-YES, ZAKOR!
Y-YES!


THEN, AFTER THE TREMBLING THUGS HAVE LEFT...
I DID WELL, DID I NOT, OH GREAT, ZAKOR! THE MAGICAL EFFECTS WORKED!
EXCELLENT, MAJA! HA! HOW WE FOOLED THEM BY YOU COMMITTING THE MURDERS AS YOU PRETEND TO BE A GHOST!
YES, ZAKOR... BUT IT WAS YOUR MASTER STROKE OF PREVIOUSLY HYPNOTIZING "LITTLE LOUIE" THAT MADE THEM BELIEVE!
HE HAD A BAD HEART! I KNEW HE WOULD DIE OF FRIGHT WHEN HIS MIND ENVISIONED THE GHOST!
THUS ZAKAR'S EVIL SCHEME PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS!
THE PROCEEDS FROM THE WEST END BANK ROBBERY, ZAKOR!
A-AND THE JEWELS FROM THE EATON HOTEL ROBBERY!
GOOD! CONTINUE YOUR FINE THEFTS AND WE SHALL HAVE NO TROUBLE!

HIGHER AND HIGHER ZAKOR'S ILL GOTTEN GAINS ARE PILED UP! THEN, THE MEDIUM'S KEEN EYES SENSE TROUBLE...
AH, ZAKOR, WE HAVE A FABULOUS AMOUNT OF WEALTH ALREADY!
YES, MAJA, BUT I HAVE SEEN MURDER IN KELLER'S EYES OF LATE!

TOMORROW NIGHT AT EIGHT YOU WILL DISPOSE OF KELLER!
I WILL BE IN THE SECRET BACK ROOM AT EIGHT SHARP! DO NOT FEAR!

THE NEXT EVENING, DOOM MOVES IN ON "BIG JIM" KELLER!
HARK WELL, KELLER! MY SPIRITS TELL ME YOU PLAN TO HARM ME! THEY HAVE DECIDED YOU MUST DIE!
WHA...?

HEAR ME, OH SPIRITS! DESEND UPON THIS MAN WHO WISHES ME HARM!
F-FINGERS! H-HARRY! HELP ME! DO SOMETHING!
W-WE CAN'T BOSS!

THE GHOST OF RIGHT SEEKS YOU OUT, KELLER! HE HAS COME FROM BEYOND TO DESTROY, THOSE WITH EVIL IN THEIR HEART!
NO! NO!
HA! MAJA GETS CLEVERER EACH DAY! SUCH A COSTUME...

THE GREAT GHOSTLY HANDS CLOSE UPON KELLER! HE IS HELPLESS!
WELL DONE, OH, GHOST OF RIGHT! INDEED YOU DO YOUR JOB OF DESTROYING EVIL WELL! FINGERS, HARRY... LET THIS BE A LESSON TO YOU!
YAAAAAGH!

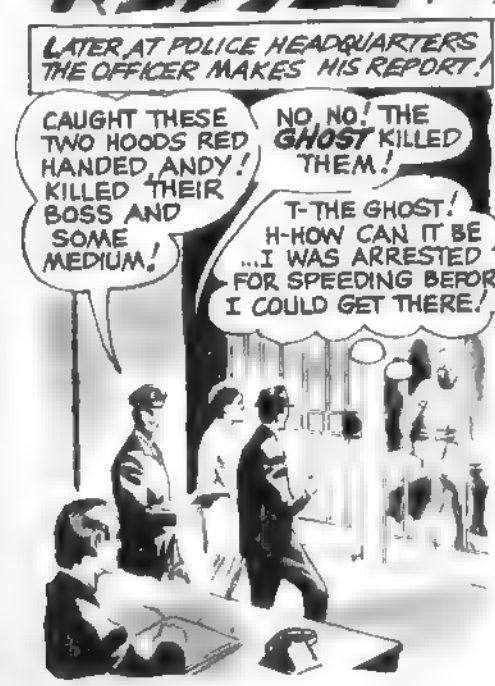
THEN, THE TERRIBLE THING TURNS... IT'S GHOSTLY EYES FALL UPON ZAKOR HIMSELF...
BACK... BACK GHOST OF RIGHT! YOUR JOB IS FINISHED!
NO, ZAKOR... MY JOB... IS NOT DONE... YET!

CLOSER, CLOSER COMES THE THING FROM THE GRAVE!
STOP! STOP, YOU FOOL! HAVE YOU GONE MAD?

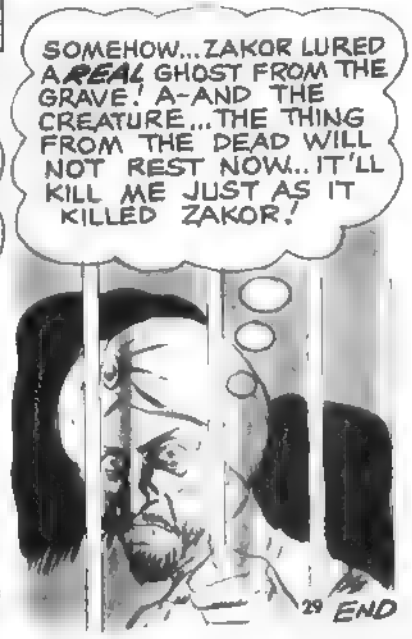
THEN...
MAJA! MAJA! YAAAAAAAA!

L-LET ME OUTA HERE! ZAKOR'S LOST CONTROL OF HIS... GHOSTS!
Y-YEAH!

ABRUPTLY THE LAW MOVES IN UPON THE TERRIFIED PAIR!
ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO... BACK INSIDE THERE! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
THERE'S A GHOST THERE... A GHOST GONE CRAZY!


LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS THE OFFICER MAKES HIS REPORT!
CAUGHT THESE TWO HOODS RED HANDED, ANDY! KILLED THEIR BOSS AND SOME MEDIUM!
NO, NO! THE GHOST KILLED THEM!
T-THE GHOST! H-HOW CAN IT BE ...I WAS ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING BEFORE I COULD GET THERE!

HOUR UPON HOUR, MAJA LISTENS TO THE HOODLUMS RAVE IN THEIR CELL!
ZAKOR DIRECTED THE GHOST TO KILL KELLER. W-WHY DID IT TURN ON HIM!
ZAKOR PLAYED WITH THINGS HE SHOULDN'T HAVE TOUCHED, RITCHIE!
CAN IT BE THAT A DEAD MAN'S SPIRIT ROSE SEEKING REVENGE?


SOMEHOW... ZAKOR LURED A REAL GHOST FROM THE GRAVE! A-AND THE CREATURE... THE THING FROM THE DEAD WILL NOT REST NOW... IT'LL KILL ME JUST AS IT KILLED ZAKOR!

END

the Devil's Looking Glass

BENEATH THE FLAP OF THE SECRET COMPARTMENT WAS A STRANGE MESSAGE!
THIS WRITING IS IN REVERSE! I'LL HAVE TO HOLD IT TO A MIRROR TO READ IT!
SPELL LIVED BACKWARD... D-E-V-I-L!!!
WHY, THAT SPELLS DEVIL!

CORRECT, MR DANA! I AM AT YOUR SERVICE! STEP INTO THE MIRROR AND HEAR MY SIDE OF THE STORY!
WHY, THIS MUST BE MALVERN HALL AS IT WAS A CENTURY AGO!
EXACTLY! HERE IS OLD TOBIAS MALVERN! HE'S BEEN HOPING SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS WOULD STEP IN TO SEE HIM...
COME! I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE I'LL BURY MY TREASURE WHILE YOU MAKE A MAP OF IT!
GREAT! ...AN' THEN I CAN TAKE IT BACK TO MY OWN TIME!

THE TREASURE WILL BE HERE! BUT EVEN MORE VALUABLE IS THE FORMULA FOR THE GLASS IN MEPHISTO'S OWN MIRROR! THE DEVIL HIMSELF GAVE IT TO ME, BUT IN RETURN, I HAVE TO LIVE MY LIFE OVER AND OVER IN THIS MIRROR WORLD!
GIVE ME THE FORMULA! I'LL PRESERVE IT FOR POSTERITY!
YOU CAN NOT LEAVE!
YOU CAN'T HOLD HIM HERE, MEPHISTO BECAUSE YOU INVITED HIM THROUGH THE MIRROR!

IT WAS ALL IN OUR PACT-- REMEMBER?
YES! I DID GIVE YOU THE BETTER OF THE BARGAIN, EXCEPT WHERE YOU ARE PERSONALLY CONCERNED, AT LEAST YOU CAN NEVER LEAVE!
BACK IN THE WORLD OF TODAY, DANA LEFT THE ATTIC AND WENT TO THE RUINS OF OLD MALVERN HALL!
BUT, I CAN! SO LONG!
IF I START DIGGING UP THIS RUBBLE, SOMEBODY WILL TIP OFF THE OTHER MALVERN HEIRS! THE DEVIL TAKE THEM! SAY-- THAT'S AN IDEA! THE FORMULA!
ETCHED IN DANA'S EVIL MIND WERE THE DETAILS OF THE PACT BETWEEN MEPHISTO AND TOBIAS MALVERN! HE SAW A WAY TO SCARE THE MALVERNS...
ALL RIGHT, MR. DANA! BUT I'M SURE YOUR FORMULA CONTAINS TOO MUCH SULPHUR AND BRIMSTONE!
I'LL TAKE THE RISK IF THE MIRRORS DON'T TURN OUT RIGHT!

DANA FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH A DIABOLICAL SCHEME...
THE DEVIL'S OWN FORMULA! I'LL COME AROUND IN THE MORNING AND SEE HOW I MADE OUT!
CLICK
FORGY WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE FUMES... HE COULD NOT ESCAPE!!
I'M... I'M CHOKING!

HELP! HELP! LET ME OUT... GASP
BANG
NEXT DAY...
POOR FORGY! SHERIFF, HE MUST HAVE USED THE WRONG FORMULA AND WAS OVERCOME BY THE FUMES! BUT I'LL STILL BUY THE MIRRORS!
THAT'S MIGHTY FINE OF YOU, MR. DANA!
SO DANA OBTAINED MEPHISTO'S MIRRORS AND PROCEEDED WITH THE NEXT STAGE OF HIS FIENDISH PLAN!
EASY... THOSE CRATES ARE FULL OF MIRRORS!
NOW TO SEND PASSES TO ALL THE MALVERN HEIRS IN THE TOWNS WE PLAY!

YES, DANA KNEW HIS RELATIVES ALL THE MALVERNS WOULDN'T MISS ANYTHING THEY COULD GET FREE!
HA! HERE'S A PAIR OF MALVERNS NOW!
YES, COUSIN CARRIE, THESE PASSES THAT SOMEBODY SENT US ARE GOOD FOR EVERY AMUSEMENT!
LET'S GO THROUGH THE MIRROR, MAZE!
ONCE INSIDE...
YIKES! LOOK!
CARRIE-- HELP ME! I SEE THE DEVIL... HE MUST BE AFTER ME! LET ME OUT OF HERE!
WHY, HUBERT-- YOU'RE GOING RIGHT THROUGH THAT MIRROR!
I'M TRAPPED! HELP ME! CARRIE... ANYBODY!
WHY-- I'VE GONE RIGHT THROUGH A MIRROR, TOO!
AH, ANOTHER DESCENDANT! WELCOME!
PARDON, SIR, BUT I'M LOOKING FOR MR. HUBERT MALVERN AND HIS COUSIN, CARRIE! PERHAPS THEY LOST THEIR WAY IN THE MAZE!
IF THEY DID, YOU'LL SEE THEM AS SOON AS THE MIRRORS ARE PACKED!
I MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN! THEY COULDN'T HAVE GONE INTO THE MAZE!
I KNEW IT WOULD WORK! WHEN THE DEVIL SCARED THEM FROM ONE MIRROR, THEY RECOILED THROUGH ANOTHER! I'M SMARTER THAN MEPHISTO, TO THINK OF SURROUNDING MALVERNS WITH HIS MIRRORS!

And so, THE PARADE CONTINUED IN EVERY TOWN...
IS THIS PASS GOOD HERE?
CERTAINLY, MY FRIEND! STEP INSIDE!
HA HA
HA! YOU'D THINK THE DEVIL HIMSELF WAS IN THERE!

BUT, AS THE MALVERNS DWINDLED, SO DID THE GATE RECEIPTS...
HEY, BOYS, HOW ABOUT THE MIRROR MAZE?
YEAH-- WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S FACES LOOKING FROM THE MIRRORS AND SCREAMING!
NOT A CHANCE! IT'S SPOOKY!
WHAT IF PEOPLE DO SEE THOSE FACES? NOBODY IS GOING TO HELP THEM EXCEPT ANOTHER MALVERN, AND ALL THE MALVERNS CAN SEE IS THE DEVIL! HA! HA!

JUST ONE MORE--GEORGE LAYTON--AND I'LL DISPOSE OF HIM IN THIS TOWN, THEN I CAN GET RID OF THOSE MIRRORS AND DIG UP THE FORTUNE ALL FOR MYSELF!
THAT'S LAYTON, ALL RIGHT! HE'S THE ONLY PERSON THAT RECEIVED A PASS! I'LL BREAK UP THOSE MIRRORS AFTER THE DEVIL TAKES LAYTON!

YES, DANA HAD IT FIGURED, OR SO HE THOUGHT! BUT FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, LAYTON DIDN'T SEE MEPHISTO IN THOSE MIRRORS!
HELP! PLEASE HELP!
TAKE MY HAND!
MALVERNS!
GET US OUT!
ALL LAYTON SAW WERE FACES OF MALVERN HEIRS! THEY DID NOT SCARE HIM AWAY--AS THEY DID OTHER PEOPLE...
WHY--WHY GEORGE LAYTON! OH THANK YOU!
GIVE ME YOUR HAND!
HERE YOU COME, HUBERT! BUT HOW DID YOU GET IN THERE?
IT'S A LONG STORY! WE'LL TELL YOU AFTER WE SETTLE WITH THE FELLOW WHO TALKED US INTO IT!
AND STILL THEY COME!
WE WANT RALPH DANA WHO RUNS THIS MIRROR MAZE!
COME RIGHT ALONG- AND ALL HOLD HANDS SO YOU WON'T GO THROUGH ANY MORE MIRRORS!
IT'S LAYTON--AND HE'S RELEASED THE REST OF THEM! I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!
EXIT
THERE HE IS!
MY ONLY WAY OUT IS THROUGH THE MIRROR MAZE! BUT I'LL HAVE TO CHANCE IT!
LET HIM GO! THAT'S ONE PLACE WHERE YOU CAN'T FOLLOW HIM!

YOU CAN'T FOOL ME! NOT IN MY OWN MIRROR MAZE! I'LL FIND A WAY OUT!
WELCOME HOME, GREAT-GRAND-NEPHEW! NOW YOU CAN SPEND THE REST OF ETERNITY HELPING ME BURY TREASURE FOR OTHERS TO DIG UP!
THIS TIME THERE WAS NO INVITATION!
THIS EXPLAINS THINGS! DANA HAD A MAP SHOWING WHERE THE TREASURE IS! THAT'S WHY HE WANTED TO GET RID OF US!
IT DOESN'T EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, GEORGE!
IF ALL THE REST OF US SAW THE DEVIL IN THOSE MIRRORS, WHY DIDN'T YOU?
BECAUSE I'M NOT A MALVERN!
MY CLAIMS ON THE ESTATE COMES THROUGH MY STEP-FATHER, SO ALL I SAW WERE YOUR FACES... NOT MEPHISTO'S! LET'S DIG UP OUR FORTUNE!
IT LOOKS LIKE ENOUGH FOR ALL! TOO BAD RALPH DIDN'T STAY TO SHARE IT!
THEY'RE SELLING DANA'S CARNIVAL! WHY DON'T WE BUY UP THOSE BIG MIRRORS AND CUT THEM INTO LITTLE ONES! WE'D SHOW A FANCY PROFIT THAT WAY!
A GOOD IDEA!
HELP!
AND SO, TODAY, IN ANY OF A FEW THOUSAND MIRRORS, YOU ARE APT TO CATCH A FLEETING GLIMPSE OF A HAUNTED FACE... RALPH DANA'S!!!
THE END

HORROR ISLAND

TONY GOLDONI KNEW HE WAS TOUGH AS THEY COME! THE F.B.I. AGREED WITH HIM AND DEPORTED HIM FROM THE U.S.A., BUT THE GANGSTER KNEW THAT A RACKET IS GOOD ANYWHERE, SO HE WENT TO THE JUNGLE AND SET UP IN BUSINESS ONLY TO FIND THAT HE REALLY WASN'T SO TOUGH AFTER ALL!

AND SOON, IN A FEDERAL COURT...
...AND YOU ARE TO BE DEPORTED AND NEVER TO RETURN..
HAH... WHO CARES ABOUT BEING DEPORTED!
OKAY, SO DEPORT ME! THERE'LL COME A TIME WHEN I'LL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH ON YOU BUMS!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DUE FOR A VERY LONG VACATION IN THE OLD COUNTRY, TONY...
HOPE THE BOYS ARE READY TO PULL THE JOB...
SUDDENLY...
HURRY UP, BOSS!
RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! TRY TO DEPORT ME, WILL THEY? I'LL SHOW 'EM!
HE'S--HE'S GETTING AWAY! AGHH-H GOT ME!
And LATER, ON TONY'S YACHT...
LET'S GO! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUTSIDE THE TWELVE MILE LIMIT BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT BOATS GET ON OUR TAIL...
YOU'RE SOME OPERATOR, TONY!
WE'LL BE UNDER WAY IN A FEW MINUTES!
LATER...
WHERE WE HEADING? WE BEEN AT SEA FOR A WEEK NOW AND YOU AIN'T TALKED NONE!
OKAY, YOU LUGS, I'LL LET YOU IN ON IT... WE'RE HEADED FOR AFRICA! OUGHT TO BE PLENTY OF RACKETS IN A COUNTRY LIKE THAT! I'LL BE A REAL KING!
AFRICA? WHERE ALL THOSE CANNIBALS ARE?
THERE SHE IS, OUR NEW HOME! WE'LL MAKE CHUMPS OUT OF THEM SAVAGES! TAKE 'EM FOR EVERYTHIN' THEY GOT!
HOPE IT WORKS OUT LIKE YOU SAY, TONY!

And NEXT DAY...
LOOK, TONY... SOME OF THE NATIVES COMING DOWN TO MEET US!
DON'T GET NERVOUS... I CAN HANDLE THESE SAVAGES!
WE GREET YOU, STRANGERS! ME OGANI! SPEAK SOME ENGLISH! WELCOME! MAYBE CAN DO TRADE!
I'LL MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND WHO'S BOSS AROUND HERE FIRST!
SURE, WE DO PLENTY OF TRADING! YOU GOT PLENTY GOLD AND IVORY AROUND HERE! I WANT IT, SEE? YOU GONNA BUILD US HOUSES HERE ON THE BEACH! MAYBE I'LL PAY YOU IF I LIKE THE WAY YOU TAKE ORDERS!
BUT AFTER THE NATIVES HAVE FULFILLED THEIR PART OF THE BARGAIN...
WE DO LIKE YOU SAY, BWANA! MANY TUSKS OF ELEPHANT! BRING ALSO MUCH OF YELLOW DIRT! NOW WISH PAY FOR SAME!
ARRGHH-H!
HAH... HERE'S YOUR PAY... IN LEAD COINS!
AIEE!! THEY KILL US ALL!
WE DID WRONG TO TRUST THE WICKED ONES.
DON'T KILL EM ALL! WE NEED THE OTHERS TO WORK FOR US!
ABOUT TIME TO TEACH THESE BOOBS A LESSON!
And FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS...
THEY BETTER WORK HARD! PRETTY SOON WE'LL BE MAKING MORE DOUGH THAN WE EVER DID IN THE STATES!
YOU'RE SMART, HON! MAKING THEM WORK AND BUILD US HUTS!
AND THOSE FOOLS TRIED TO DEPORT ME! I OUGHT TO WRITE 'EM A NOTE OF THANKS!
HAH! NO HOUSING SHORTAGE HERE IN THE JUNGLE!

THAT NIGHT DEEP IN THE JUNGLE...
I, TONAKA WILL LEAD YOU TO FIGHT THE WHITE DEVILS WHO SLAY OUR PEOPLE!
BUT THEY HAVE MANY DEADLY FIRE-STICKS TO KILL, MY PRINCESS!
I WILL GO TO OUR FRIENDS, THE GREAT APES AND ASK THEM TO BE OUR ALLIES IN THIS FIGHT! PERHAPS YOU WILL FIND YOUR COURAGE WHILE I AM GONE!
AWAIT MY RETURN AND GATHER YOUR WEAPONS, FOR THOUGH I TAUNT YOU TO FIGHT, I KNOW NO SON OF THE JUNGLE WOULD LET SUCH STRANGERS AMONGST US!
And SOON TONAKA IS SPEAKING WITH THE GREAT APES...
SELDOM DO I TRAVEL ALONE MIDST THE JUNGLE TERRORS, BUT THIS IS A CAUSE DEMANDING ALL THE EFFORT I CAN PUT FORTH!
GOOD! THEY UNDERSTAND AND KUNAK THE LEADER, SAYS THAT THEY WILL HELP US DRIVE THE WICKED ONES AWAY FROM OUR JUNGLE!
THE NEXT DAY...
YOU DID WELL, MY PRINCESS, WITH THE HAIRY ONES TO AID US! WE WILL FIGHT WELL!
THESE BEASTS KNOW THAT WHICH IS EVIL FOR US IS EVIL FOR THEM!
SUDDENLY, A HAIRY FIST REACHES OUT AND...
HEY! I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING IS GONNA HAPPEN PRETTY SOON... SOMETHING BAD! AW-W! I'M JUST JUMPY! MUST BE GETTING NERVOUS FROM THIS BLASTED JUNGLE!
ARGGGH!

COME, FRIEND... I HAVE NEED OF YOUR STRENGTH!

THESE FOOLS FEEL THEMSELVES TO BE SAFE, AND SO DO NOT KEEP A VIGILANT WATCH!

HAH... THEY DO NOT SUSPECT THAT DEATH NOW STALKS THEM! HOW CAN THEY ACT SO FESTIVE AFTER KILLING SO MANY OF MY PEOPLE? BUT THE DEBT WILL SOON BE REPAID!

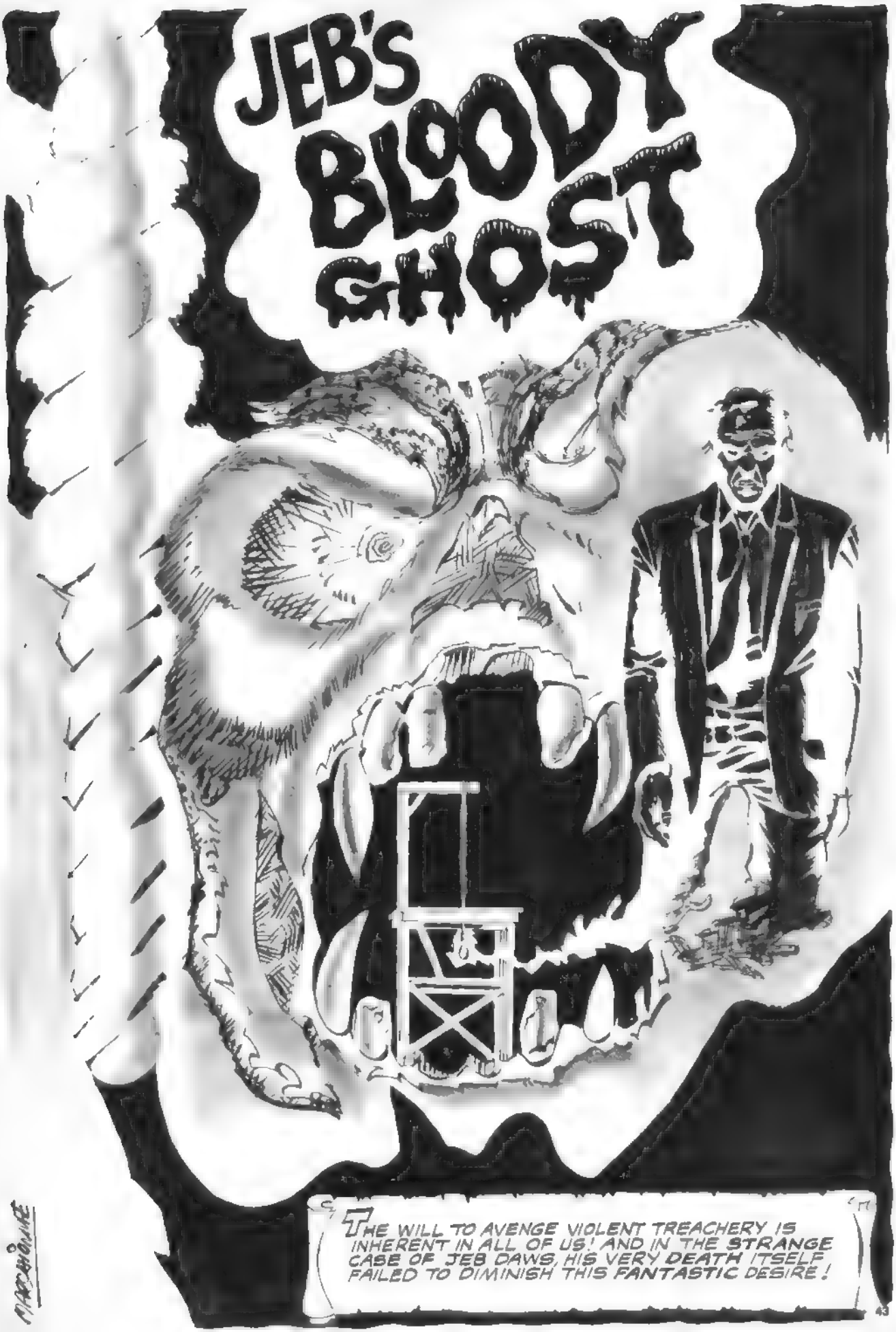
YIII-I! LOOKIT! GORILLAS AFTER US!
YEOW... BULLETS WILL KILL 'EM!

NOO... GET AWAY! HELP! CAN'T STOP HIM WITH BULLETS! HE-- HE'LL KILL ME... KEEP AWAY, YOU BABOON! HELP!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! MAKE FOR THE BOAT! WE'LL BE SAFE THERE!
AIEE... YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE ME, KILLER MAN!

OHH... MY SHOULDER! NOW THE EVIL ONES WILL ESCAPE TO KILL AGAIN!
THOUGHT YOU HAD ME, HUH? BUT I'M STILL TOUGH FOR ANY JUNGLE GIRL TO CATCH!
IT'S BEGINNIN' TO MAKE ME MAD! COURT ORDERS ME OUT OF ONE COUNTRY AND A PACK OF APES LED BY A FEMALE THINKS THEY CAN OUTWIT ME IN THIS PLACE! I'LL SHOW 'EM... I'LL SHOW THE WHOLE WORLD!

HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?
SHUT UP AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
THEY'VE SMASHED THE BOAT! NOW WE'LL HAVE TO SWIM FOR IT, MILLIE!
TONY, LOOK! THE YACH'T IS MOVING! THEY'RE LEAVING US HERE TO DIE!
THAT'S ONLY HALF OF IT! LOOK UP THERE! LET'S THROW OURSELVES AT THEIR MERCY!
ARE YOU NUTS? I GOT MY OWN PLANS!
GOOD BYE, YOU LITTLE FOOL! EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF! I GOTTA GET TO THAT YACHT!
NO...WAIT! WAIT FOR ME!
TONY...CAN'T SWIM... ANY LONGER! TONY! DON'T LET ME DROWN! YOU...
AFTER A SHORT STRUGGLE, THE GIRL WHO THOUGHT A LIFE OF CRIME WAS AN EASY ONE, SUNK FROM SIGHT...
BUT MINUTES LATER...
WE'RE GOIN' BACK TO THE STATES AND GIVE OURSELVES UP, TONY! YOUR GAME DON'T WORK!
NO! HEY, YOU CHISELERS! T-TIRED OUT! I'LL DROWN! AGHHH-H! (GASP)...DON'T LEAVE... (GLUG)...
WHERE THEY CAME FROM, WE DO NOT KNOW, BUT THEY WILL RETURN NO MORE!
YOU ARE BRAVER THAN ANY WARRIOR, TONAKA! YOU LED US WELL!
THE END


JEB'S BLOODY GHOST
THE WILL TO AVENGE VIOLENT TREACHERY IS INHERENT IN ALL OF US! AND IN THE STRANGE CASE OF JEB DAWS, HIS VERY DEATH ITSELF FAILED TO DIMINISH THIS FANTASTIC DESIRE!

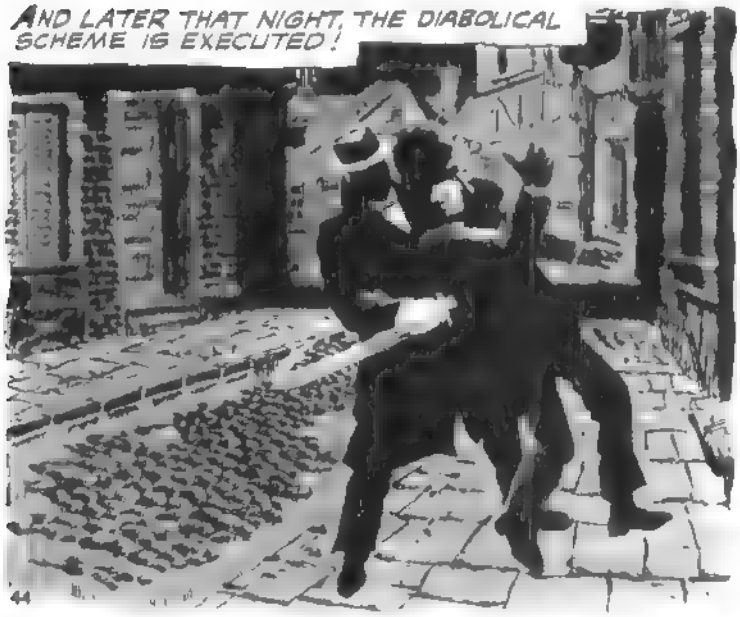
IN A SMALL ENGLISH HAMLET, A GROUP OF SOCIAL REFORMERS GATHER TO HEAR THEIR LEADER, JEB DAWS, SPEAK!
SLADE AND HIS HENCHMEN MUST BE DEFEATED AT ELECTION TIME! THEY NO LONGER REPRESENT THE PEOPLE!
HEAR, HEAR!
YEA!

THEY ARE TYRANTS WHO TRY TO CONTROL AND EXPLOIT THE PEOPLE!
YES!
WE WANT JEB DAWS!
YEA!

AND BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, DEAN SLADE AND HIS LIEUTENANTS BEECH AND GENDLY BECOME AWARE OF THE PUBLIC UNREST!
THIS JEB DAWS.. WE HAVE TO GET RID OF HIM!
YEAH... BUT HOW?

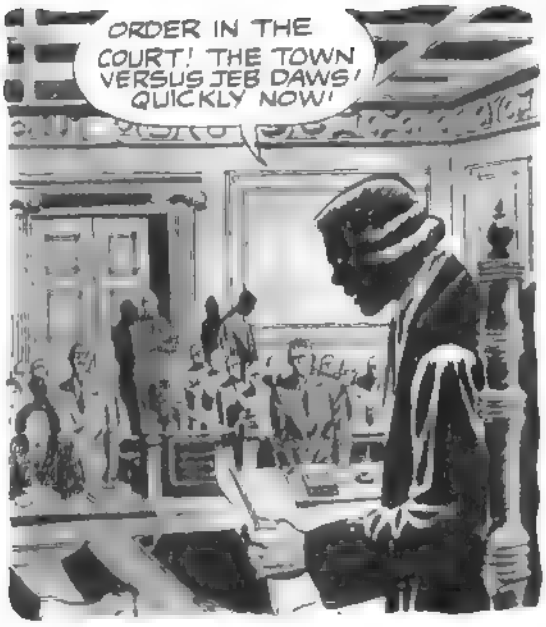
SHALL WE SAY--ER-- A FRAME UP?
OH, YES!! WE'LL FRAME LOUDMOUTH DAWS FOR MURDER OF ONE OF OUR MEN! HEH-HEH!

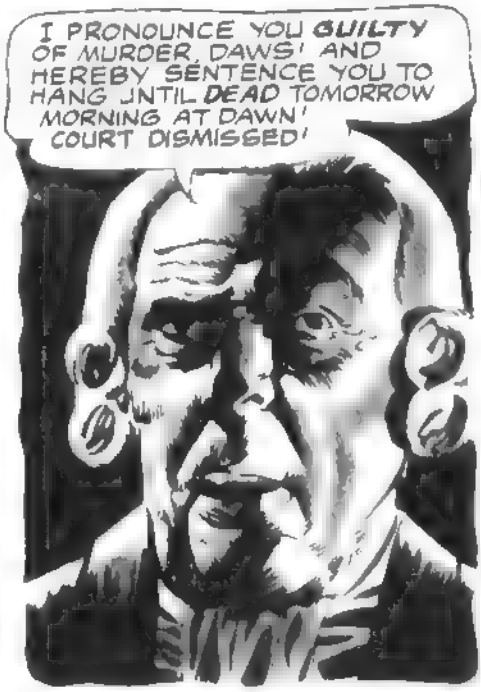
OF COURSE! AND NO ONE WILL DOUBT THE MOTIVE! CHOOSE ONE OF OUR FLUNKIES, GENDLEY!
AND I'LL SEE THAT JEB DAWS' KNIFE IS "FOUND" BY THE BODY!
GOOD! HA! HA!


AND LATER THAT NIGHT, THE DIABOLICAL SCHEME IS EXECUTED!

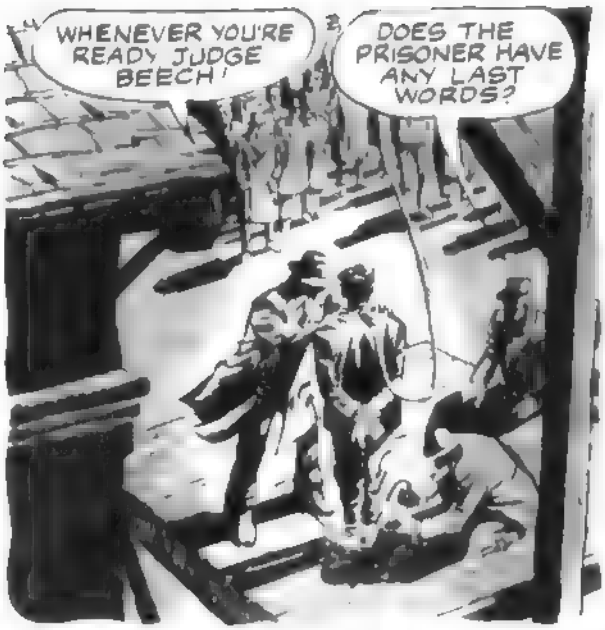
SHAME WE HAD TO KILL YOU, HAWKINS! YOU SERVED US WELL! BUT GETTING DAWS BEHIND BARS IS MOST IMPORTANT, ISN'T IT? NOW FOR HIS KNIFE!

UNDER DANIEL SLADE'S IRON-FISTED REGIME, JUSTICE IS A MOCKERY WITH THE ACTUAL MURDERER BEING THE PRESIDING JUDGE!



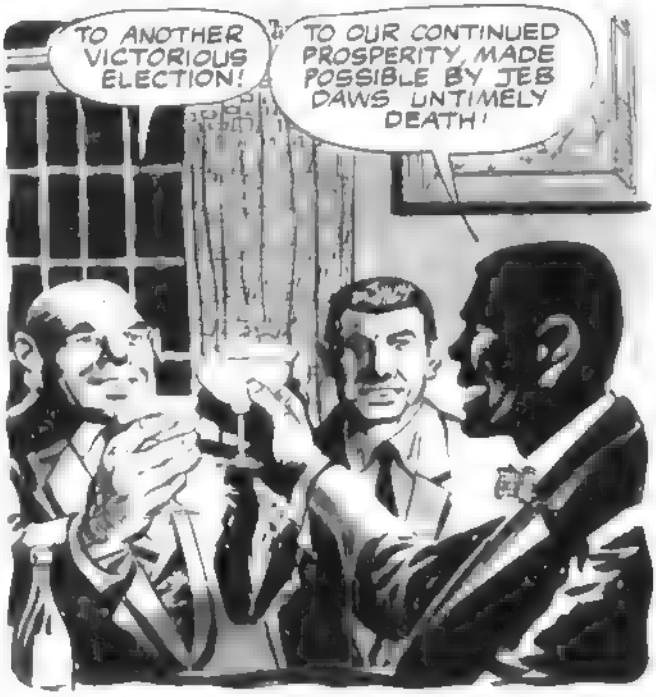


THE FEARFUL MORNING DAWNS BRIGHT AND CLEAR! JEB DAWS' FOLLOWERS WITNESS THE MACABRE SPECTACLE IN SILENCE..



AND AFTER JEB DAWS' SEEMINGLY HOLLOW WORDS, THE TRAP IS SPRUNG!

JEB'S DEATH IS SEEMINGLY PUNCTUATED BY A HEAVY FOG THAT ENVELOPS THE TOWN! BUT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, THREE MEN GLEEFULLY TOAST THEIR TREACHERY!



BUT LATER THAT NIGHT, A WIERD, CHILLING SIGHT IS OBSERVED IN THE TOWN SQUARE!

THE NEWS SPREADS RAPIDLY THROUGH THE FOG-SHROUDED HAMLET!
JEB'S GONE ALL RIGHT!
GIVES ME TH' CREEPS!
HE SAID HE'D RETURN! IS IT POSSIBLE?
OF COURSE IT AIN'T... BUT I WONDER...
And AS THE PANIC MOUNTS, THREE MEN ANXIOUSLY MEET!
IT'S A BAD SITUATION! COULD DAWS ACTUALLY...? HE COULDN'T HAVE!
...OR COULD HE...?
And LATER THAT NIGHT THE ANSWER IS SUPPLIED!
AIIIIEEE! JEB'S GHOST!
SLADE AND HIS GANG MUST BE DEALT WITH! THEY ARE PIRATES!
AS THE GHASTLY NEWS OF THE VISION CIRCULATES, HYSTERIA GRIPS THE FEARFUL CITIZENS!
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES! JEB'S GHOST!
HE'S RETURNED!

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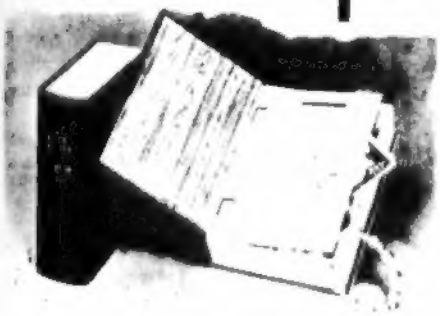

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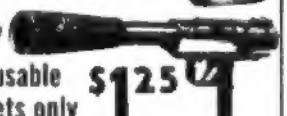

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I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT! DRAT THIS FOG... AND THAT BEAM OF LIGHT ON THE SCAFFOLD!
HUH! IT'S YOU! HOW DID...
RETRIBUTION, SLADE! I WARNED YOU BEFORE YOU HANGED ME!
AIEEE! DON'T COME NEAR ME!
THE LOGS! THEY GO RIGHT THROUGH HIM! AND THE HOUSE! IT'S BURNING!
HA! HA! HA!
THE PEOPLE WHO GATHER TO WATCH SLADE'S HOME CONSUMED IN THE BLAZING FIRE ARE UNAWARE OF THE HATED POLITICIANS... THE STRUGGLE THAT LED TO IT! BUT, SUDDENLY...
THERE GOES SLADE'S PLACE! AND LOOK! THE FOG!
IT'S LIFTING AT LAST!
SLADE IS DEAD! BURNED TO DEATH IN THE FIRE! QUICK, TO THE SCAFFOLD!
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IT'S JEB!
THE END